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**Ex-C.I.A. Agent Is Cleared
On Illegal Weapon Charges**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18 (AP)—The man who reportedly possessed the largest private arsenal ever found in Philadelphia was found not guilty yesterday in Municipal Court of illegal weapon charges.

George E. Fassnacht, a former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, was set free when the judge ruled there had

been insufficient prosecution evidence to tie Mr. Fassnacht to machine guns found in the home of his wife's friend.

A search of Mr. Fassnacht's home in June, 1971, was ruled illegal by another judge about a month ago. That search turned up a quantity of explosives, hand grenades, bombs, small arms and ammunition.

REMEMBER THE NEEDIEST!

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